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SUBJECT: GENEVA COMMUNICATIONS CENTER OPERATIONS

1. INCOMING TELEGRAPHIC TRAFFIC AT THE MISSION HAS BUILT UP OVER PAST SEVERAL MONTHS TO POINT WHERE IT NORMALLY TAKES SIX TO EIGHT HOURS OF CONTINUOUS TRANSMISSION BY THE BONN AUTOMATED EXCHANGE (BAX) TO DISPOSE OF THE QUEUE STORED OVERNIGHT DURING THE EIGHT-HOUR PERIOD OUR COMMUNICATIONS CENTER IS CLOSED. IN THE COMING SIX MONTHS OF EXTRA-HEAVY CONFERENCE ACTIVITY SCHEDULED IN GENEVA, IT IS ONLY REASONABLE TO EXPECT FURTHER INCREASES. WHILE THERE HAVE BEEN ONLY OCCASIONAL INSTANCES WHEN A CONFERENCE DELEGATE DID NOT RECEIVE LAST-MINUTE INSTRUCTIONS IN A TIMELY FASHION, THERE NEVERTHELESS IS A LARGE AMOUNT OF BACKGROUND INFORMATION STORED IN THE DAILY QUEUE THAT WOULD BE OF BETTER VALUE IF IT WERE AVAILABLE TO MISSION OFFICERS AND DELEGATIONS AT OPENING OF BUSINESS BEFORE PROCEEDING TO DAILY ROUNDS OF MEETINGS.

2. WE LACK SUFFICIENT PERSONNEL TO OPERATE OUR COMMUNICATIONS CENTER 24-HOURS, AND THE ADDITIONAL C&R ASST POSITION REQUESTED BY GENEVA 4333 APPARENTLY IS NOT BEING GRANTED BECAUSE OF BUDGETARY RESTRICTIONS. ASSUMING THE ADDITIONAL POSITION CANNOT BE AUTHORIZED OR SUFFICIENT TDY COMMUNICATIONS PERSONNEL DETAILED TO MAINTAIN FULL 24-HOUR OPERATIONS, THEN DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTED TO EXERCISE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS TO ALLIEVATE OUR PROBLEM:
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A. LEASE A HALF-DUPLEX CIRCUIT FROM BAX TO GENEVA TO REDUCE

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DAILY QUEUE MESSAGE DELIVERY TIME BY 50 PERCENT.
B. UPGRADE PRESENT BAX-GENEVA CIRCUIT TO 300 WPM OPERATION AND PROVIDE NEW TERMINAL EQUIPMENT TO REDUCE DAILY QUEUE MESSAGE DELIVERY TIME BY 67 PERCENT.

3. WHATEVER COURSE OF ACTION IS DECIDED UPON, IT SHOULD BE INSTITUTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BEFORE THE HEAVY FEBRUARY-AUGUST SERIES OF MEETINGS.DALE

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